April 30, 1980

Mrs. Carl Cannefax 1425 E. McClernon Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Cannefax:

As you know, the area of East McClernon in which you live has experienced some problems in the past and are still experiencing some problems with sewer odors in the area. The City has determined that these odors are caused by septic sewage being pumped from the Woodland Hills Subdivision area. As I stated to you on the telephone, we are trying to add chemicals to help relieve this problem but thus far have been unsuccessful in our efforts. We do plan to continue our efforts to eliminate these odors but because of failures in equipment, etc., even if we are successful, you may have sporadic problems.

I do feel that you can eliminate any problem by installation of a "trap" on your sewer lateral line. This trap should be installed on your main line between your house and the City sewer and a cleanout should be installed on the house side of the trap so that this trap can be routinely cleaned. This routine cleaning should prevent any stoppages. The installation of this trap will prevent sewer gases from coming up your house lateral and venting through your main house vent.

The City has no objection to you installing this trap and it would not be necessary for your plumber to obtain a plumbing permit in order to do this work. The installation of this trap will in no way affect the safety of your sewer. It will, however, be necessary for you to clean out the trap possibly once a year.

If you have any questions in regard to this letter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Robert R. Schaefer, P.E.

Superintendent of Sanitary Services

RRS:cc

cc: Steve Short, Water Pollution Control Inspector

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